(b) What are the amounts being sactioned/earmarked for development of each of the proposed spot;

(c) What are the names of such pilgrimage centres which have already been developed and provided with required facilities along with the names of provided facilities in each case; and

(d) What are the guidelines for selecting such centres for development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY, OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK : (a) and (b) The development of pilgrimage places is primarily the concern of the respective State Governments. However, Central Department of Tourism provides financial assistance on the basis of specific proposals from the concerned State Government. Such proposals are considered on basis of th;ir merits, inter-se-priorities and availability of funds.

(c) The Central Department of Tourism have provided financial assistance for infrastructural and other developmental schemes for the following pilgrim centres in States of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh :-

1. Madhya Pradesh". Amarkantak, ehitrakoot, Onkareshwar, Bhorarn-deo and Sanchi.
2. Rajasthan: Ranakpur, Tal-avrikasha, Osian.
3. Himachal Pradesh: Chamunda-devi, Rawalsar and Chintpurni.

(d) The Central Department of Tourism has not set up specific guide lines for selecting such places however financial assistance is extended to State Governments on the basis of their specific proposals or development of infrastructural, facilities at tourists centres including places of pilgrimage. Such proposals are considered on the basis of their merits, intert-se priorities and availability of funds.

Rupee Trade TransactionsEuropean CommunistCountries.

1847. SHRI A.G. KULKARNI;
SHRIVISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a consequence of lifting of rigid economic and currency control by East European Communist block, our rupee trade transactions will such countries will be affected adversely; and

(b) whether Government have take adequate measures to protect trade with those countries and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN:(a) to (b)India's trade with the USSR, Poland, Czechoslovakia, GDR and Romania is being conducted on the basis of payments in non-convertible Indian Rupees and on a balanced basis. The Trade Agreement with the USSR providing for rupee trading arrangement has been extended by five more years, namely, upto 31.12.1995. In the case of other for Rupee Payment countries, the present Agreement is valid upto 31.12.1990 and arrangements beyond this date will be finalised as soon as possible. Government is fully alive to the changing scenario in East Europ: and is taking m easures to import a new dynamism to bilateral trade to fully utilise new emerging opportunities. These measures include among others greater marketing thrust diversification of structure of trade, promotion of direct contracts at commercial enterprise level and greater emphasise on new forms of co-operation. Such